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Post-Mortem on NIE 72.1-57:

The Outlook for the Sudan,

dated 6 August 1957

I. Finding

Preparation of this estimate was handicapped by the dearth of detailed up-to-date information on political and social conditions in the Sudan. Specifically, adequate information was lacking on the strength and political role of the religious brotherhoods, the organization, support and objectives of the major political parties, the strength of the Communists, and the extent and nature of Egyptian influence in the Sudan. In addition, very little basic information was available on the southern part of the country. These deficiencies in intelligence coverage appear due mainly to the fact that official US representation in the Sudan was minimal before the country became independent in 1956.

II. Action

The members of the IAC are requested to take such action as they deem appropriate to deal with these problems.